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1. SEPTEMBER 13 EMBOFF REVIEWED POINTS REFTELS WITH MARIO MARROQUIN, FONMIN'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. MARROQUIN EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR USG POSITIONS RE SOUTHERN AFREICA, CYPRUS, WESTERN SAHARA, DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, UN RESTRUCTURING, AND OVERCOMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MARROQUIN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE OTHER QUESTIONS.

2. ZIONISM/RACISM - THIS ISSUE IS DIFFICULT FOR GUATEMALA BECAUSE OF ITS EFFORTS TO TRADE ITS VOTE FOR THIRD WORLD SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA'S POSITION ON BELIZE. MARROQUIN CONCEDED THAT GUATEMALA'S ABSTENTION IN 1975 UNGA FAILED TO  
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WIN EVEN ONE THIRD-WORLD VOTE, BUT SAID THAT GUATEMALA,

DESPITE ITS CONTINUING CLOSE TIES WITH ISRAEL, WOULD PROBABLY NOT DECIDE ON HOW IT WILL VOTE THIS YEAR UNTIL IT SEES WHAT IT CAN GET THROUGH HORSETRADING. IN VIEW OF THIS POSITION EMBOFF DID NOT DISCUSS OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN QUESTIONS IN DETAIL.

3. UNRWA - GUATEMALA SUPPORTS HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES BEHIND AGENCY BUT IS FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE.

4. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE - WHILE GUATEMALA GENERALLY SUPPORTS USG POSITION IT WILL WANT TO LOOK AT REPORT PRESENTED TO UNGA BEFORE DECIDING HOW IT WILL VOTE.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS - GUATEMALA SUPPORTS USG POSITION. MARROQUIN THOUGHT SITUATION IN CHILE MIGHT ARISE AT UNGA THIS YEAR.

6. UNCTAD IV - MARROQUIN DID NOT EXPRESS OPINION ON TECHNICAL QUESTION OF COMMODITIES RESOLUTION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT ONE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY LIKE GUATEMALA. HE DOES NOT EXPECT SERIOUS DEBATE ON UNCTAD ISSUES WILL DEVELOP AT UNGA AND BELIEVES ASSEMBLY WILL SIMPLY ACCEPT UNCTAD REPORT.

7. UN BUDGET - MARROQUIN SAID GUATEMALA WILL OPPOSE ANY INCREASE IN BUDGET FOR "BUREAUCRATIC" PURPOSES BUT WILL SUPPORT INCREASE IF IT IS FOR UNDERFINANCED UNDP.

8. EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM - MARROQUIN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR USG POSITION REGARDING NEED FOR INDEPENDENT EVALUATION MECHANISM BUT THOUGHT JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ALREADY FILLED THIS NEED. EMBOFF WAS ALSO UNCERTAIN HOW ADDITION OF EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM STRENGTHENS JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

9. ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY - MARROQUIN THOUGHT ECHEVERRIA'S CHANCES WERE NIL. THE GOG HAS RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOM SEEKING SUPPORT FOR ECHEVERRIA AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WAS TOO LATE NOW TO MOUNT A SUCCESSFUL DRIVE. HE EXPECTS WALDHEIM TO BE REELECTED.

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10. IN VIEW OF GOG'S COSPONSORING OF GNR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA EMBOFF NRID NOT REHAS HQ QUESTION.

11. PANAMA CANAL AND PUERTO RICO DID NOT ARISE.

12. DURING DISCUSSION MARROQUIN REPEATEDLY STATED THAT GUATEMALA, AS MEMBER OF WESTERN COMMUNITY, IS DISPOSED

TO SUPPORT USG ON MOST QUESTIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT IF  
US AND GUATEMALAN DELEGATIONS MAINTAINED REASONABLE  
CONTACT IN NEW YORK THERE WOULD BE LITTLE PROBLEM IN

COORDINATING POSITIONS (EXCEPT OF COURSE ON ZIONISM  
ISSUE).

13. COMMENT: WHILE GUATEMALA'S RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR  
UJO POSITIONS IN UN IS ONLY FAIR TO GOOD, IT HAS USUALLY  
SUPPORTED US ON ISSUES THAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE OF MAJOR  
IMPORTANCE AND ON WHICH WE WERE WILLING TO MAKE SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS.

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